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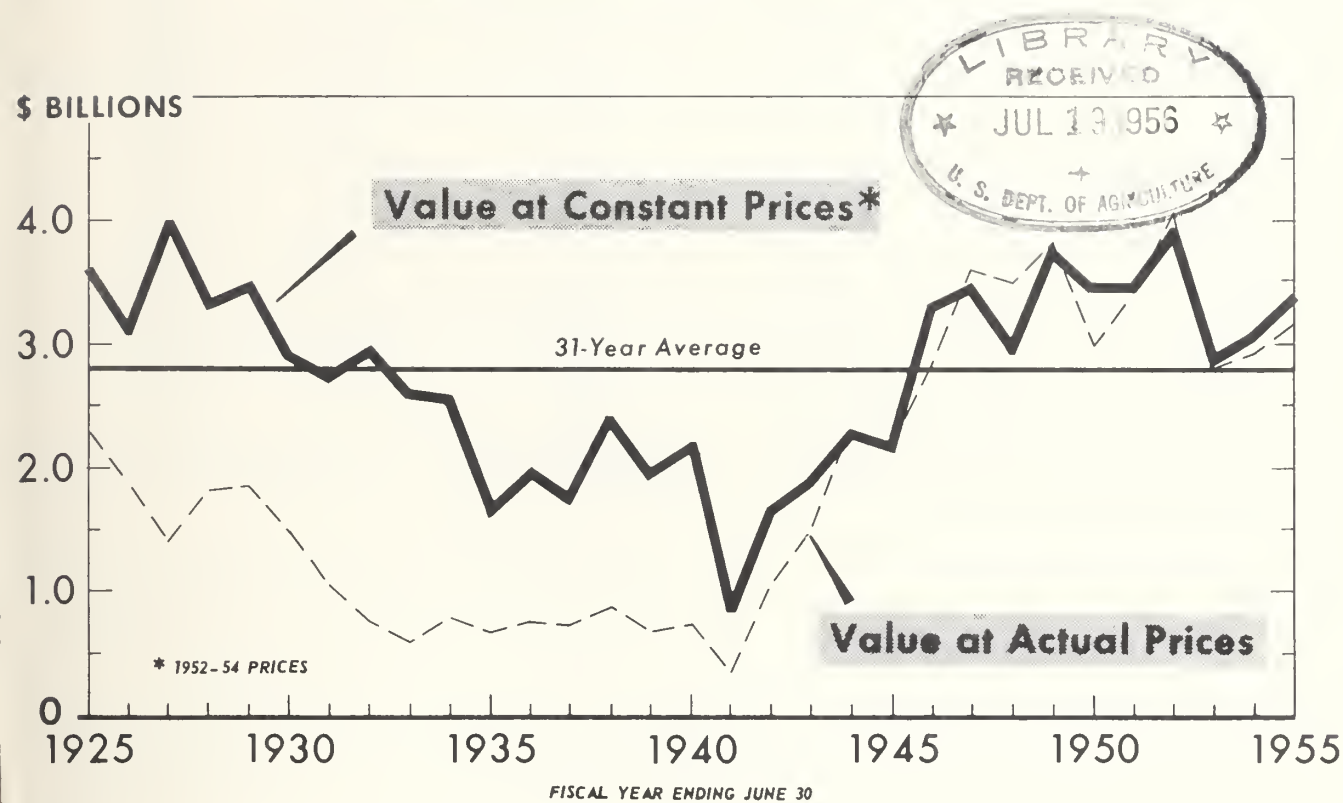


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# *U. S. Agricultural* **EXPORTS**

**IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**



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# VALUE OF U. S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

( See Chart on Cover )

Fiscal year ending June 30	Value at	
	Actual	Constant
	prices	prices*
	Million dollars	
1925	2,280	3,596
1926	1,892	3,106
1927	1,408	3,988
1928	1,815	3,301
1929	1,847	3,465
1930	1,496	2,909
1931	1,038	2,713
1932	752	2,942
1933	590	2,583
1934	787	2,549
1935	669	1,667
1936	766	1,961
1937	732	1,765
1938	891	2,387
1939	683	1,961
1940	738	2,157

Fiscal year ending June 30	Value at	
	Actual	Constant
	prices	prices*
	Million dollars	
1941	350	850
1942	1,032	1,667
1943	1,497	1,896
1944	2,305	2,288
1945	2,191	2,190
1946	2,857	3,302
1947	3,610	3,432
1948	3,505	2,975
1949	3,830	3,759
1950	2,986	3,432
1951	3,411	3,432
1952	4,053	3,923
1953	2,819	2,844
1954	2,936	3,040
1955	3,143	3,367

\*1952-54 prices.

## U. S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Where do U.S. agricultural exports stand today? The chart on the cover places the current level in its true historical perspective.

The present is an era of world prosperity; consumer income and agricultural production are up, both here and abroad. The last similar era was in the late 1920's. Between these two periods lie depression, drought, war, and recovery. These events have brought about great changes in U.S. agricultural exports.

The cover chart shows these changes at both actual and constant prices. The constant-price value, the solid line, gives a truer picture of the trends because it eliminates changes in value of exports due merely to the long-time decrease in purchasing power of the dollar. These are the significant facts that the solid line shows:

(1) Agricultural exports in 1955 stood at \$3.37 billion, 22 percent above the 31-year average of \$2.76 billion.

(2) Agricultural exports in 1955 were 14 percent below the 1952 Korean peak of \$3.92 billion. But buying that year was largely scare buying: agricultural exports jumped up a half billion dollars as foreign countries built up stocks. When this situation ended, foreign countries reduced their stocks; U.S. agricultural exports in 1953 fell by 28 percent to \$2.84 billion.

(3) Agricultural exports in 1955 were only 4 percent below the \$3.49 billion average of the prosperous late 1920's and about the same as the \$3.38 billion average of 1946-50, when a large part of agricultural exports was under foreign aid.

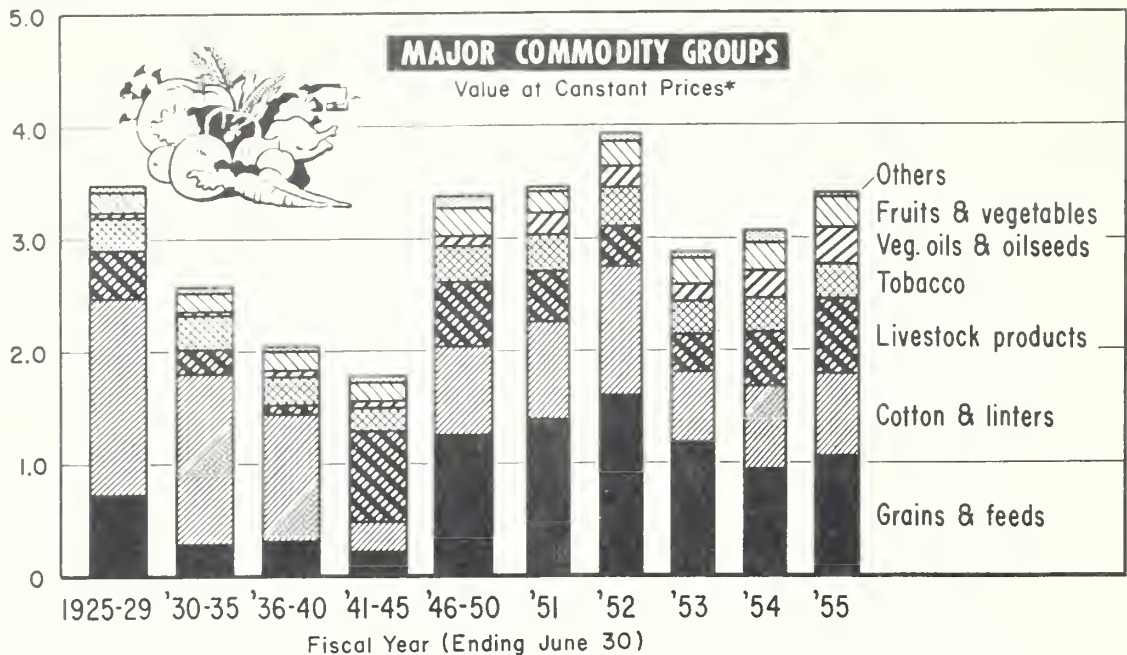
(4) Agricultural exports in 1955 were 64 percent above the \$2.05 billion of the immediate prewar period, 1936-40. But the world was not prosperous in that period. In addition, the United States had less available for sale because of severe drought.

(5) Since the post-Korean drop to \$2.84 billion in 1953, agricultural exports have come back strongly. Exports in 1955 were 16 percent above the 1953 level, although also 14 percent below the 1952 level. Hence, about half of the decline from 1952 to 1953 has been regained. The increase in the last 2 years has been achieved despite the fact that foreign production has been expanding.

These overall trends should not obscure this important additional fact: Over the years, there have been startling shifts in the pattern of trade. The chart on page 4 shows that exports of grains and feeds, livestock products, vegetable oils and oilseeds, and fruits and vegetables have expanded considerably over the level of the late 1920's. Tobacco exports are at about the same level. Exports of cotton are considerably lower. Details for principal commodities are shown in the subsequent charts. The shifts point up the problems and opportunities for American agriculture in a changing world market.



Billions of Dollars



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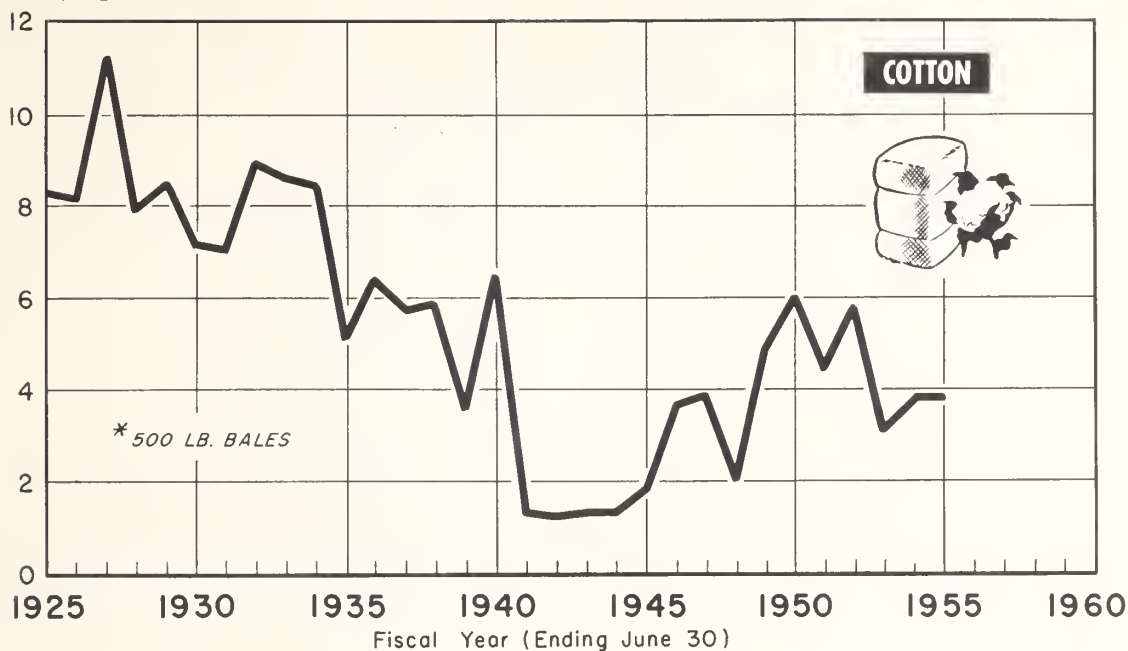
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U. S. Agricultural Exports by Major Commodity Groups  
\*1952-54 price base

Fiscal year ending June 30	Grains and feeds	Cotton and linters	Livestock and products	Tobacco, and unmftd.	Vegetable oils, and oilseeds	Fruits and vegetables	Other	Total
Million dollars								
1925-29	702	1,783	415	305	20	207	59	3,491
1930-35	273	1,533	213	296	12	202	32	2,561
1936-40	294	1,150	82	271	15	209	25	2,046
1941-45	203	272	815	211	47	164	66	1,778
1946-50	1,230	814	560	331	85	251	109	3,380
1951	1,390	873	440	326	185	194	24	3,432
1952	1,602	1,131	370	352	174	240	54	3,923
1953	1,192	616	324	304	140	237	31	2,844
1954	931	749	463	313	240	247	97	3,040
1955	1,057	740	636	313	334	261	26	3,367



Million Bales \*



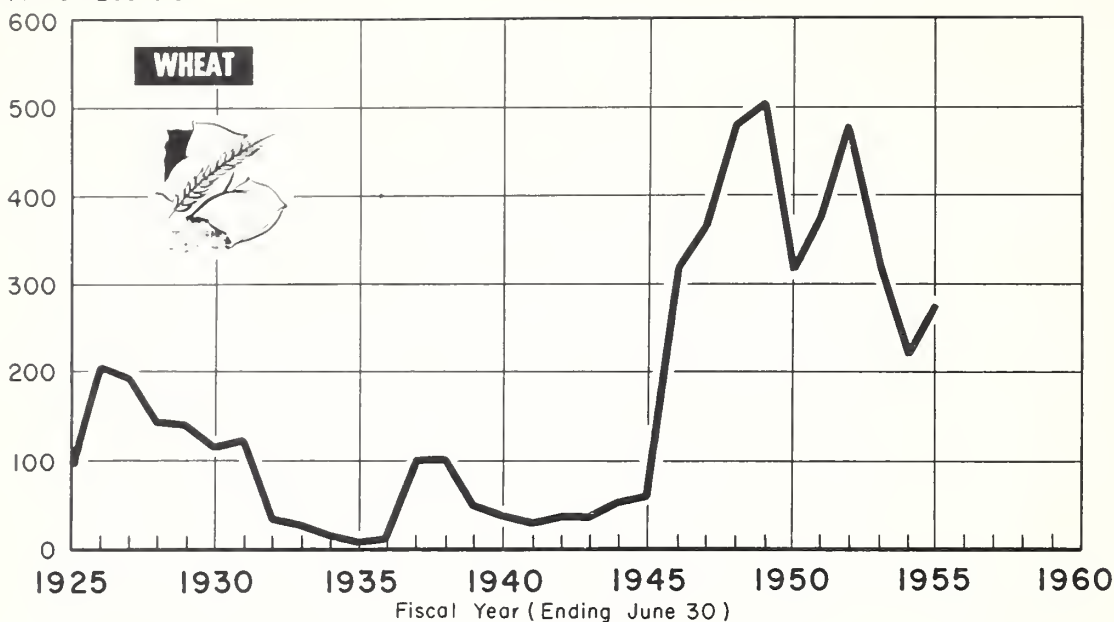
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### U. S. Exports of Raw Cotton

Fiscal year ending June 30	:	Million bales	Fiscal year ending June 30	:	Million bales
1925	:	8.2	1941	:	1.3
1926	:	8.1	1942	:	1.2
1927	:	11.3	1943	:	1.3
1928	:	7.9	1944	:	1.3
1929	:	8.5	1945	:	1.8
1930	:	7.1	1946	:	3.7
1931	:	7.0	1947	:	3.9
1932	:	9.0	1948	:	2.0
1933	:	8.6	1949	:	4.9
1934	:	8.4	1950	:	6.0
1935	:	5.1	1951	:	4.4
1936	:	6.4	1952	:	5.8
1937	:	5.7	1953	:	3.1
1938	:	5.9	1954	:	3.8
1939	:	3.6	1955	:	3.8
1940	:	6.5		:	

Million Bushels



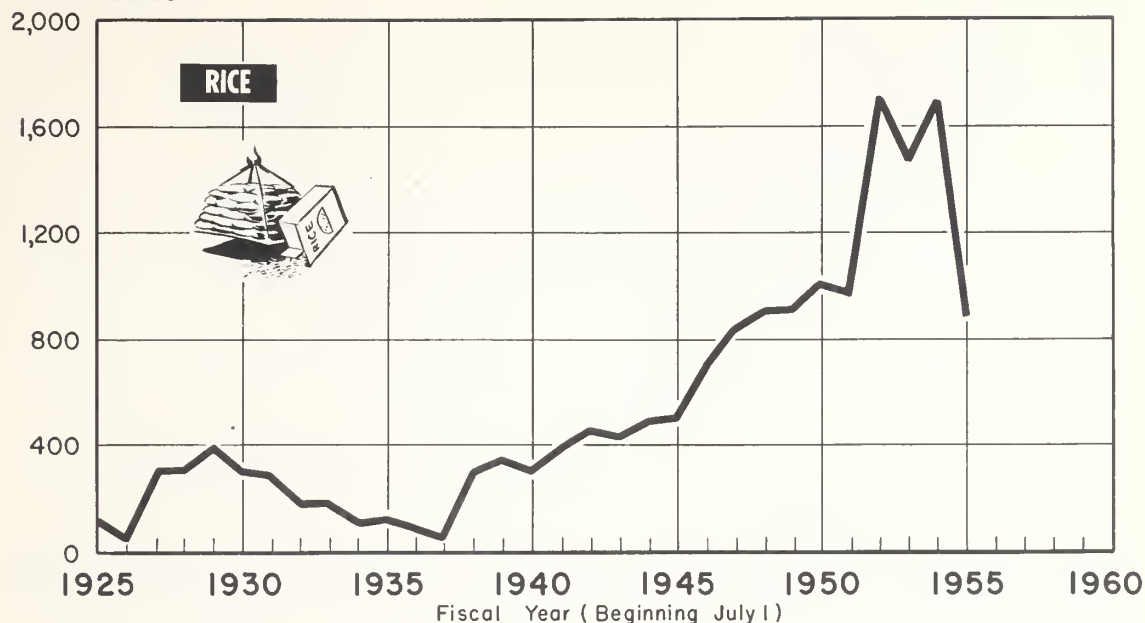
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U. S. Exports of Wheat and Wheat Flour  
(grain equivalent)

Fiscal year ending June 30	:	Million bushels	Fiscal year ending June 30	:	Million bushels
1925	:	95	1941	:	28
1926	:	206	1942	:	36
1927	:	191	1943	:	33
1928	:	141	1944	:	51
1929	:	140	1945	:	57
1930	:	112	1946	:	319
1931	:	123	1947	:	367
1932	:	32	1948	:	480
1933	:	26	1949	:	505
1934	:	11	1950	:	314
1935	:	4	1951	:	374
1936	:	9	1952	:	480
1937	:	100	1953	:	324
1938	:	101	1954	:	219
1939	:	45	1955	:	271
1940	:	34		:	

Million Pounds



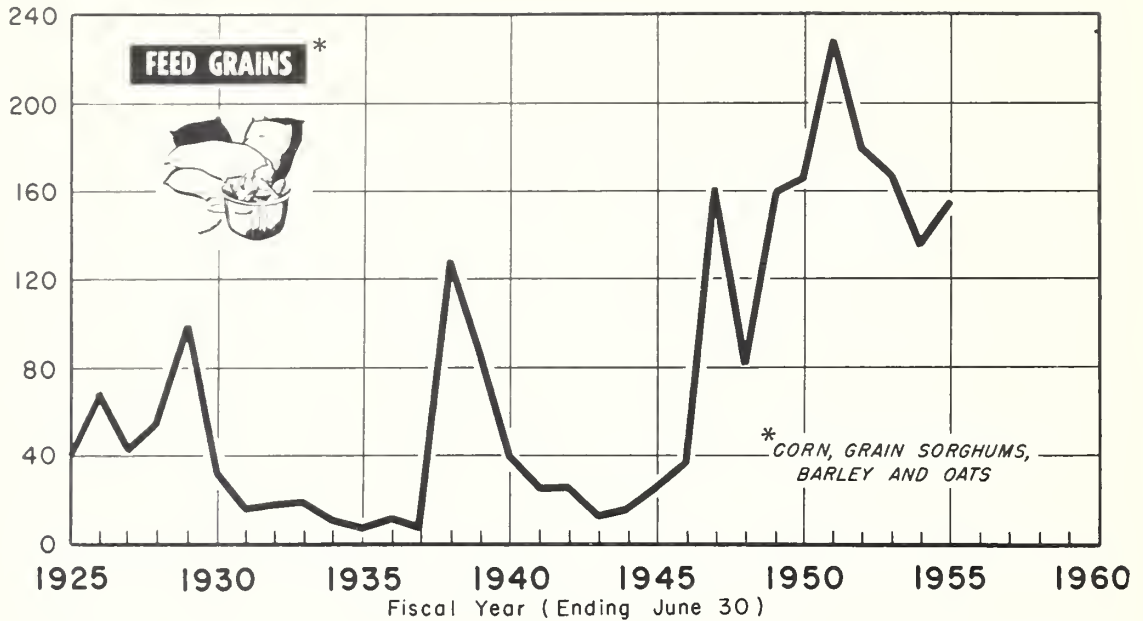
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### U. S. Exports of Rice (milled basis)

Fiscal year ending June 30	:	Million pounds	Fiscal year ending June 30	:	Million pounds
1925	:	112	1941	:	394
1926	:	48	1942	:	458
1927	:	304	1943	:	424
1928	:	310	1944	:	499
1929	:	393	1945	:	509
1930	:	290	1946	:	712
1931	:	281	1947	:	841
1932	:	175	1948	:	911
1933	:	178	1949	:	914
1934	:	101	1950	:	1,014
1935	:	123	1951	:	979
1936	:	85	1952	:	1,710
1937	:	52	1953	:	1,481
1938	:	311	1954	:	1,692
1939	:	344	1955	:	890
1940	:	305		:	

Million Bushels



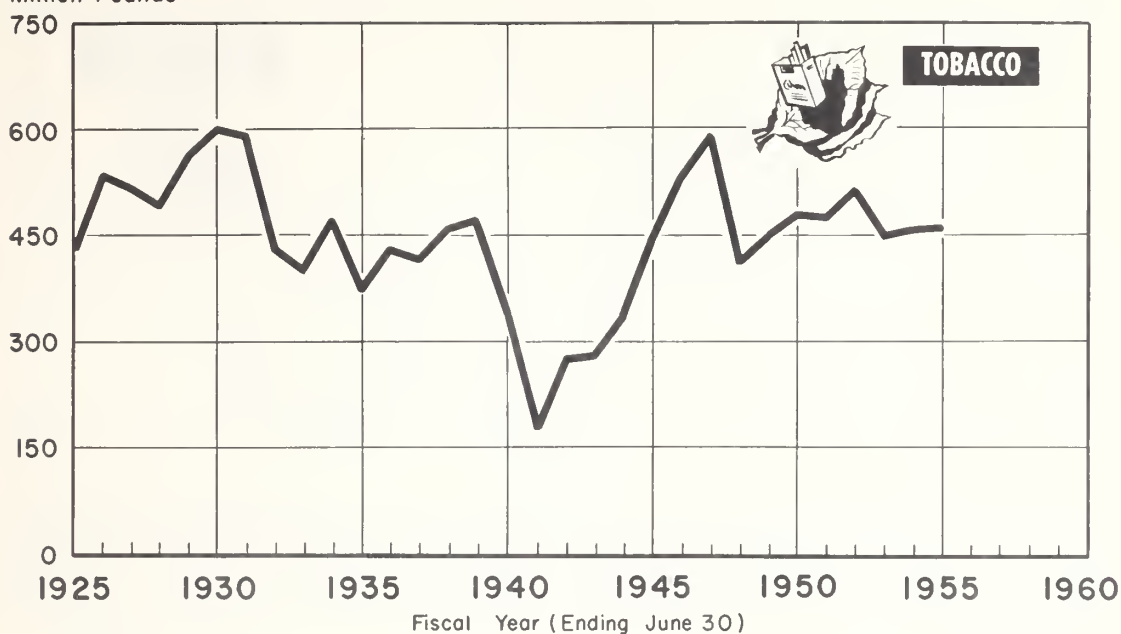
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U. S. Exports of Feed Grains  
(corn equivalent by weight and feeding value)

Fiscal year ending June 30	:	Million bushels	Fiscal year ending June 30	:	Million bushels
1925	:	40.2	1941	:	24.0
1926	:	68.3	1942	:	25.2
1927	:	42.7	1943	:	12.4
1928	:	55.9	1944	:	15.0
1929	:	99.2	1945	:	26.6
1930	:	32.9	1946	:	37.3
1931	:	15.3	1947	:	161.1
1932	:	17.5	1948	:	82.5
1933	:	18.8	1949	:	160.3
1934	:	10.4	1950	:	166.4
1935	:	7.8	1951	:	228.2
1936	:	11.2	1952	:	179.2
1937	:	6.6	1953	:	167.5
1938	:	128.3	1954	:	135.0
1939	:	85.2	1955	:	156.7
1940	:	39.8		:	

Million Pounds



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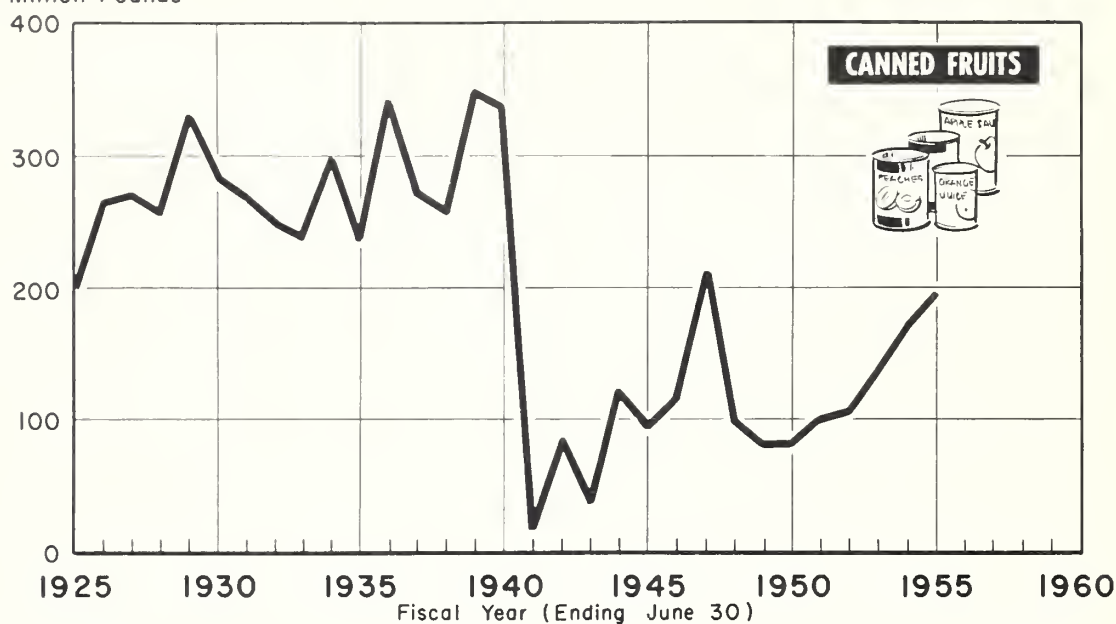
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U. S. Exports of Tobacco  
(unmanufactured)

Fiscal year ending June 30	:	Million pounds
1925	:	431
1926	:	537
1927	:	516
1928	:	490
1929	:	566
1930	:	600
1931	:	591
1932	:	432
1933	:	400
1934	:	473
1935	:	375
1936	:	433
1937	:	417
1938	:	460
1939	:	473
1940	:	342

Fiscal year ending June 30	:	Million pounds
1941	:	180
1942	:	279
1943	:	282
1944	:	337
1945	:	446
1946	:	536
1947	:	592
1948	:	411
1949	:	451
1950	:	481
1951	:	477
1952	:	518
1953	:	448
1954	:	457
1955	:	460

Million Pounds



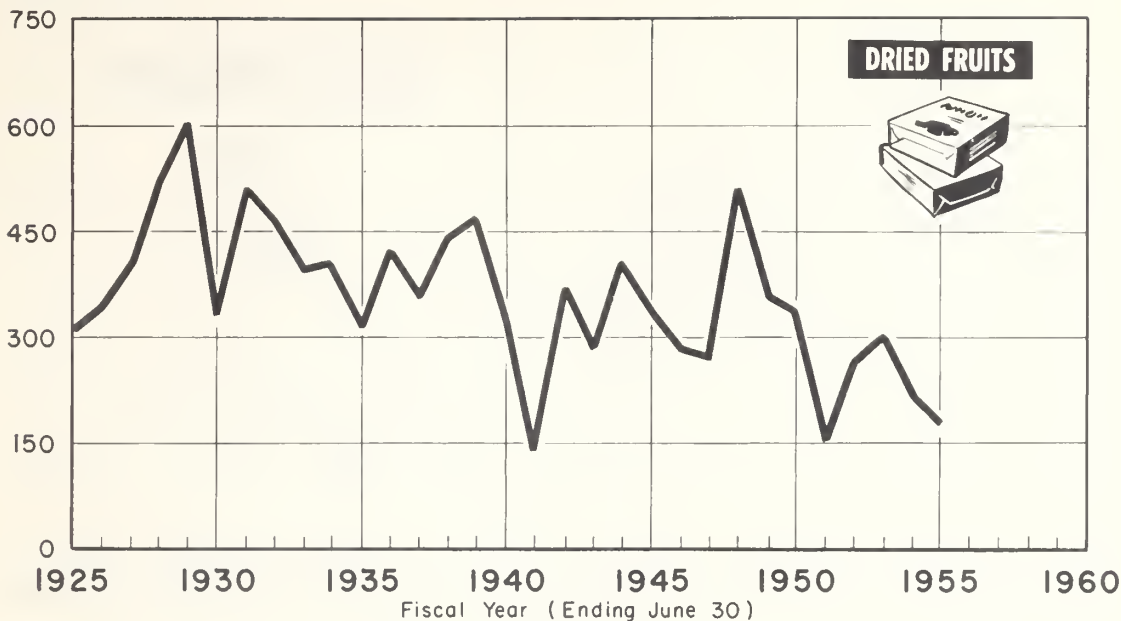
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### U. S. Exports of Canned Fruits

Fiscal year ending June 30	:	Million pounds	Fiscal year ending June 30	:	Million pounds
1925	:	201	1941	:	17
1926	:	267	1942	:	83
1927	:	270	1943	:	36
1928	:	256	1944	:	123
1929	:	330	1945	:	94
1930	:	284	1946	:	116
1931	:	271	1947	:	211
1932	:	250	1948	:	98
1933	:	239	1949	:	78
1934	:	298	1950	:	79
1935	:	237	1951	:	100
1936	:	341	1952	:	105
1937	:	271	1953	:	136
1938	:	256	1954	:	177
1939	:	349	1955	:	194
1940	:	335		:	

Million Pounds



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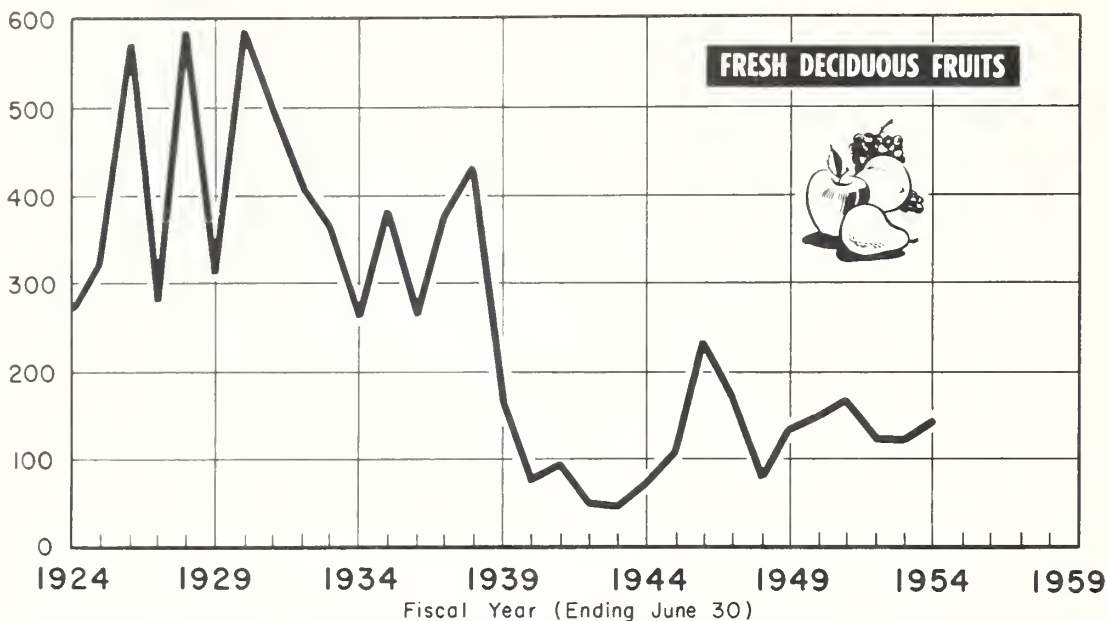
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### U. S. Exports of Dried Fruits

Fiscal year ending June 30	:	Million pounds	Fiscal year ending June 30	:	Million pounds
1925	:	311	1941	:	141
1926	:	345	1942	:	371
1927	:	403	1943	:	288
1928	:	526	1944	:	409
1929	:	605	1945	:	338
1930	:	334	1946	:	283
1931	:	516	1947	:	271
1932	:	468	1948	:	511
1933	:	399	1949	:	356
1934	:	408	1950	:	339
1935	:	313	1951	:	152
1936	:	421	1952	:	268
1937	:	357	1953	:	302
1938	:	446	1954	:	221
1939	:	472	1955	:	178
1940	:	324		:	



Thousand Short Tons



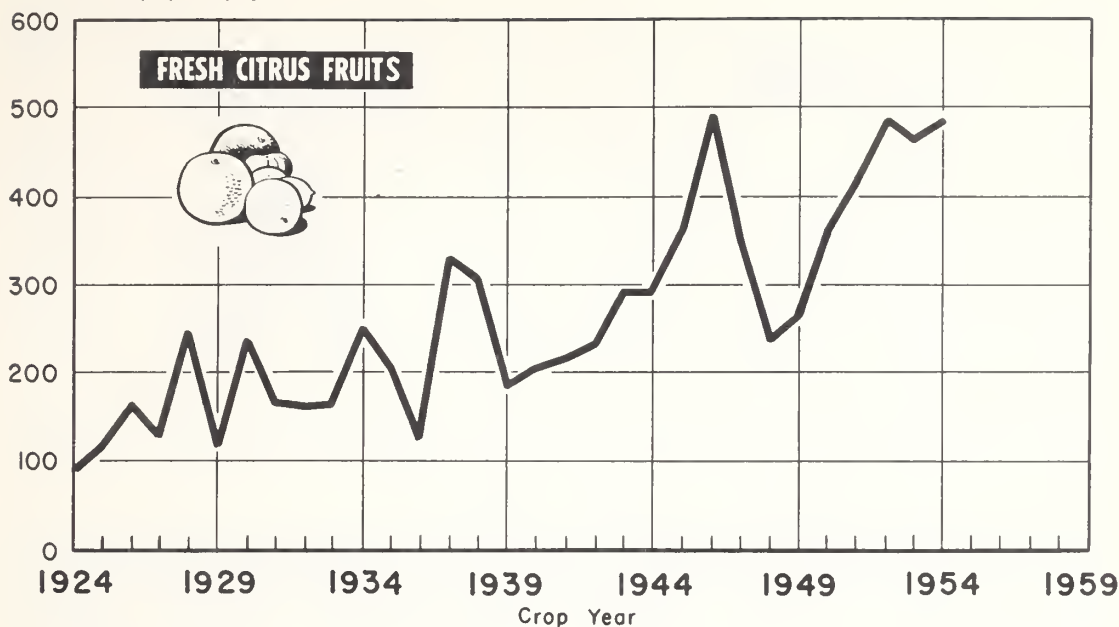
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### U. S. Exports of Fresh Deciduous Fruits

Fiscal year ending June 30	:	1,000 short tons	Fiscal year ending June 30	:	1,000 short tons
1925	:	271	1941	:	75
1926	:	321	1942	:	95
1927	:	572	1943	:	49
1928	:	282	1944	:	45
1929	:	587	1945	:	71
1930	:	312	1946	:	106
1931	:	588	1947	:	232
1932	:	499	1948	:	170
1933	:	408	1949	:	79
1934	:	365	1950	:	134
1935	:	265	1951	:	150
1936	:	384	1952	:	169
1937	:	266	1953	:	121
1938	:	380	1954	:	120
1939	:	432	1955	:	142
1940	:	167		:	

Thousand Short Tons



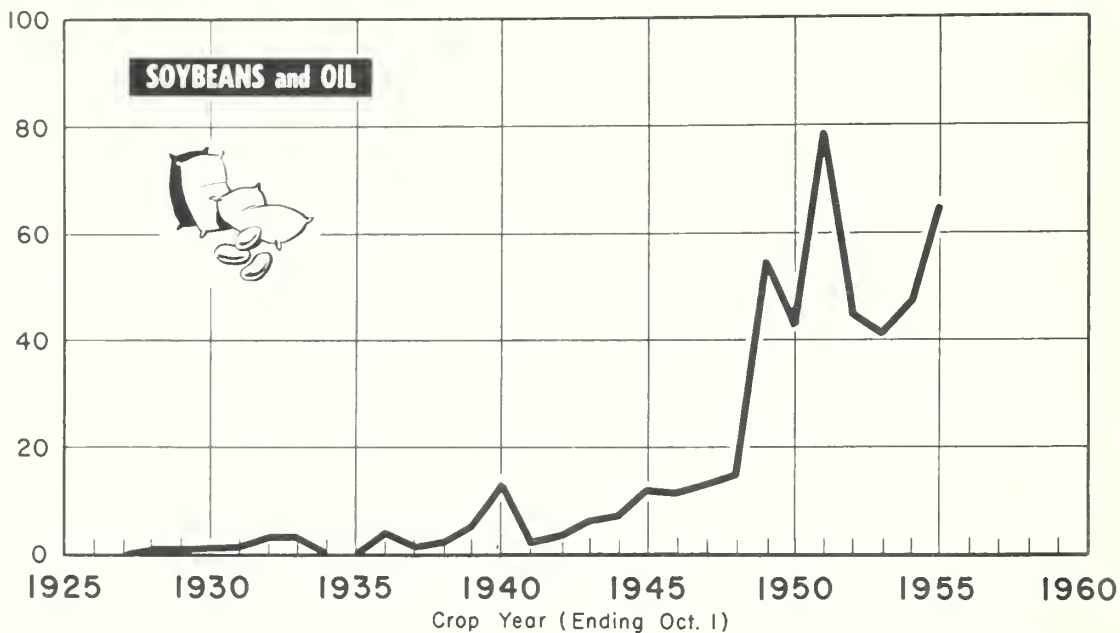
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### U. S. Exports of Fresh Citrus Fruits

Crop year ending in year shown	:	1,000 short tons	Crop year ending in year shown	:	1,000 short tons
1925	:	92	1941	:	205
1926	:	118	1942	:	213
1927	:	164	1943	:	232
1928	:	127	1944	:	292
1929	:	246	1945	:	290
1930	:	116	1946	:	363
1931	:	237	1947	:	490
1932	:	166	1948	:	349
1933	:	161	1949	:	235
1934	:	164	1950	:	263
1935	:	252	1951	:	360
1936	:	209	1952	:	414
1937	:	125	1953	:	486
1938	:	333	1954	:	464
1939	:	307	1955	:	485
1940	:	184		:	

Million Bushels



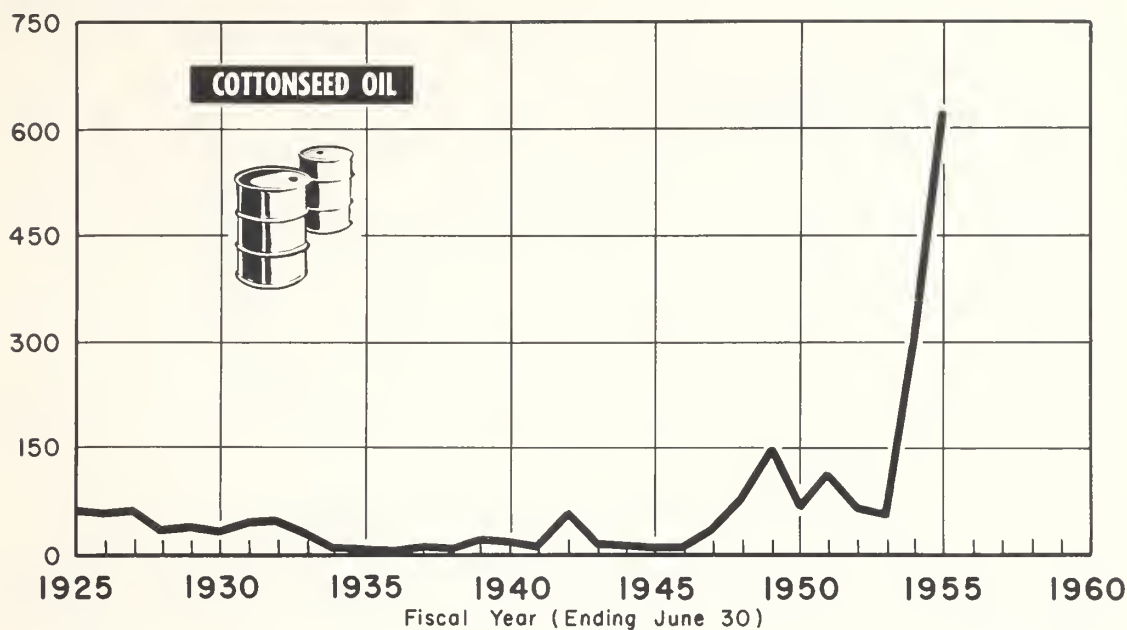
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U. S. Exports of Soybeans and Soybean oil  
(bean equivalent)

Crop year ending Oct. 1	:	Million bushels	Crop year ending Oct. 1	:	Million bushels
1925	:	0	1941	:	2
1926	:	0	1942	:	3
1927	:	0	1943	:	6
1928	:	1	1944	:	7
1929	:	1	1945	:	12
1930	:	1	1946	:	11
1931	:	1	1947	:	13
1932	:	3	1948	:	15
1933	:	3	1949	:	55
1934	:	0	1950	:	43
1935	:	0	1951	:	79
1936	:	4	1952	:	45
1937	:	1	1953	:	41
1938	:	2	1954	:	47
1939	:	5	1955	:	65
1940	:	13		:	

Million Pounds



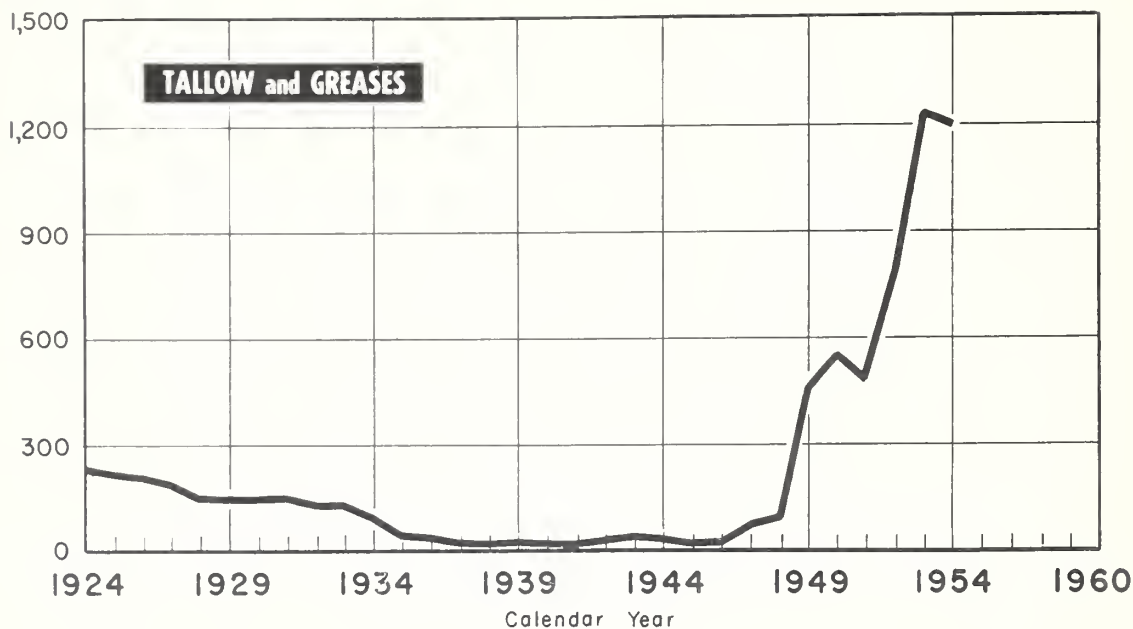
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### U. S. Exports of Cottonseed Oil

Fiscal year ending June 30	:	Million pounds	Fiscal year ending June 30	:	Million pounds
1925	:	59	1941	:	8
1926	:	56	1942	:	58
1927	:	61	1943	:	10
1928	:	30	1944	:	8
1929	:	32	1945	:	6
1930	:	26	1946	:	7
1931	:	41	1947	:	32
1932	:	44	1948	:	76
1933	:	23	1949	:	149
1934	:	5	1950	:	62
1935	:	4	1951	:	115
1936	:	3	1952	:	62
1937	:	8	1953	:	52
1938	:	4	1954	:	308
1939	:	19	1955	:	624
1940	:	16		:	

Million Pounds



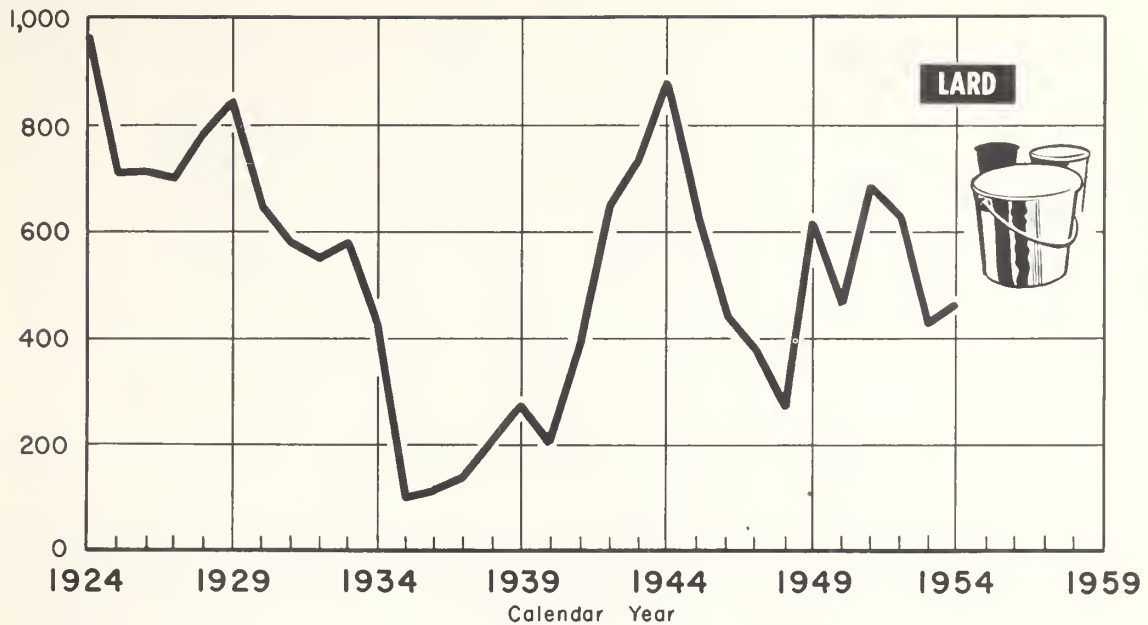
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U. S. Exports of Tallow  
(including inedible and greases)

Calendar year	Million pounds	Calendar year	Million pounds
1924	238	1940	11
1925	215	1941	11
1926	203	1942	23
1927	189	1943	37
1928	142	1944	31
1929	147	1945	13
1930	143	1946	16
1931	145	1947	71
1932	120	1948	90
1933	128	1949	467
1934	96	1950	557
1935	34	1951	483
1936	31	1952	781
1937	15	1953	1,239
1938	12	1954	1,200
1939	17		

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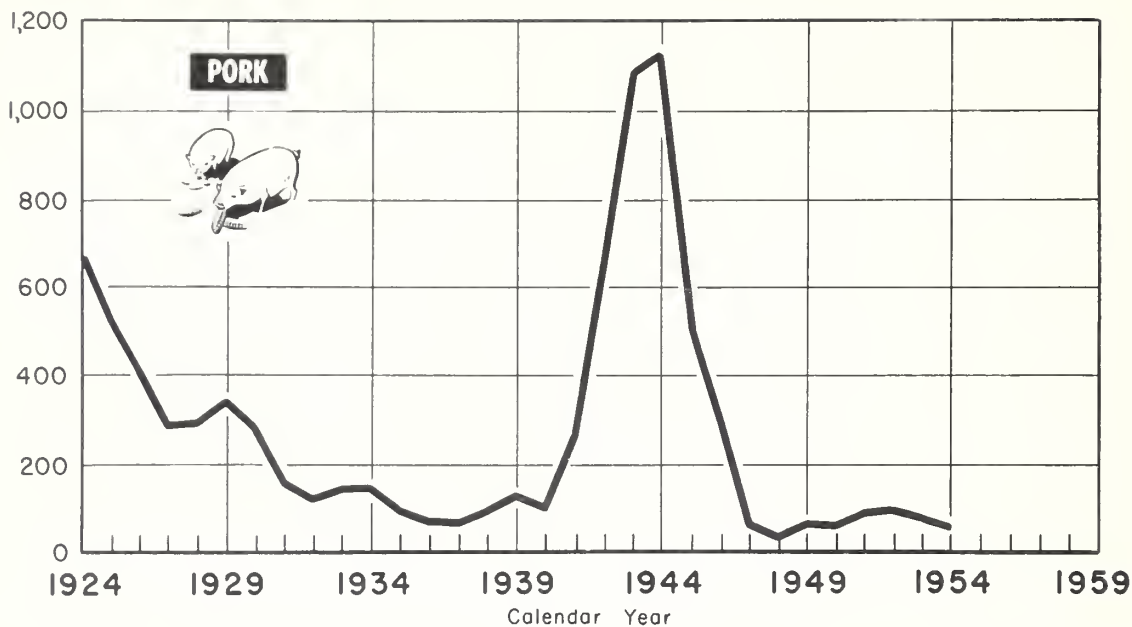
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### U. S. Exports of Lard

Calendar year	Million pounds	Calendar year	Million pounds
1924	971	1940	201
1925	708	1941	393
1926	717	1942	652
1927	702	1943	737
1928	783	1944	881
1929	848	1945	634
1930	656	1946	444
1931	578	1947	381
1932	552	1948	272
1933	584	1949	614
1934	435	1950	466
1935	97	1951	689
1936	112	1952	634
1937	137	1953	423
1938	205	1954	465
1939	277		

Million Pounds



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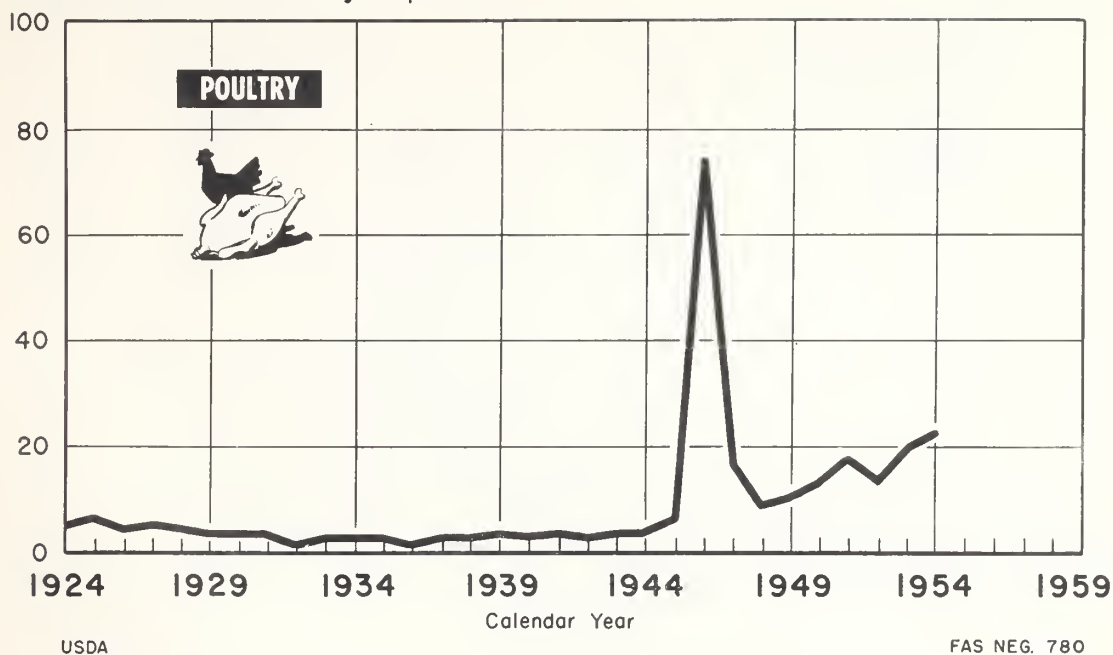
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### U. S. Exports of Pork

Calendar year	Million pounds	Calendar year	Million pounds
1924	674	1940	94
1925	520	1941	268
1926	403	1942	651
1927	282	1943	1,091
1928	291	1944	1,131
1929	344	1945	506
1930	278	1946	282
1931	160	1947	59
1932	116	1948	29
1933	143	1949	60
1934	151	1950	58
1935	88	1951	82
1936	69	1952	97
1937	63	1953	79
1938	95	1954	53
1939	129		



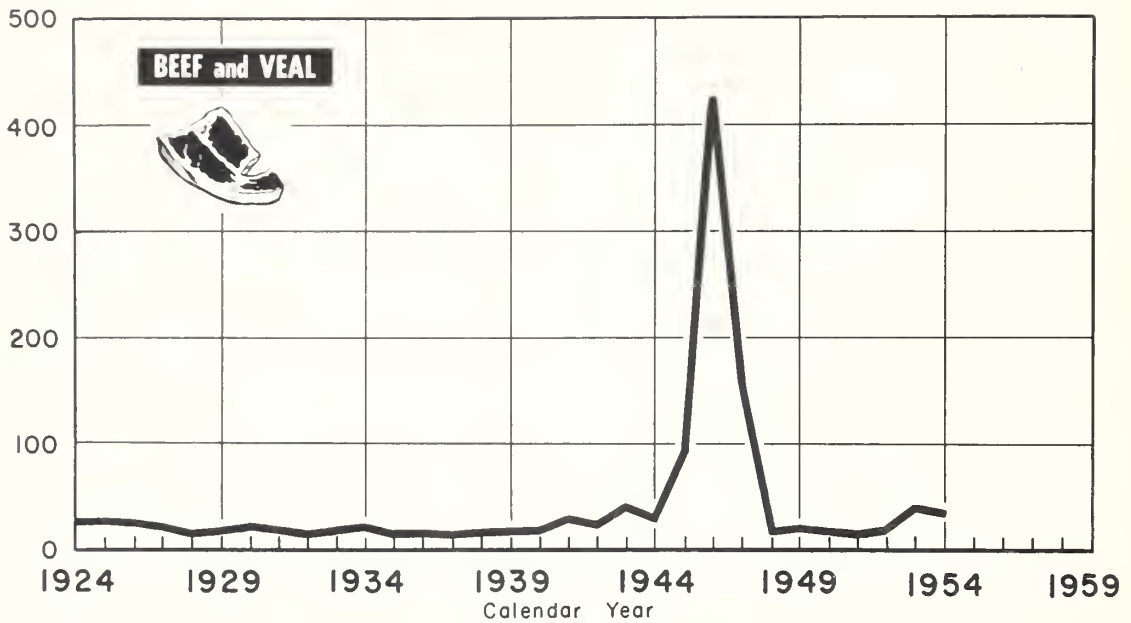
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### U. S. Exports of Poultry

Calendar year	Million pounds	Calendar year	Million pounds
1924	5	1940	2
1925	6	1941	3
1926	4	1942	2
1927	5	1943	3
1928	4	1944	3
1929	3	1945	6
1930	3	1946	74
1931	3	1947	17
1932	1	1948	8
1933	2	1949	10
1934	2	1950	13
1935	2	1951	18
1936	1	1952	13
1937	2	1953	20
1938	2	1954	22
1939	3		

Million Pounds



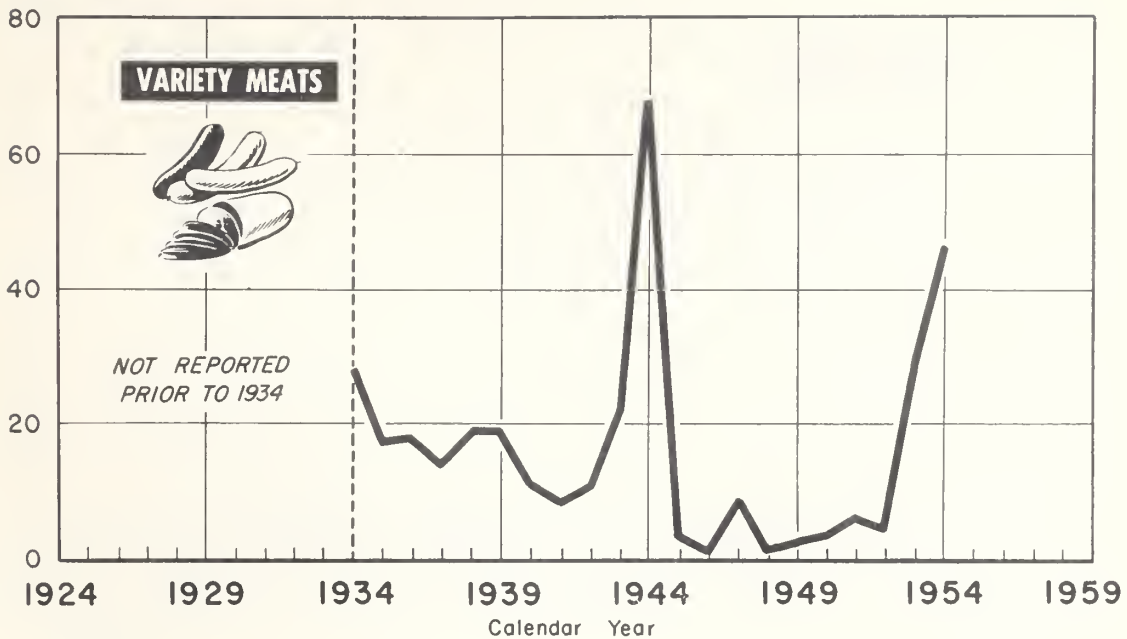
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### U. S. Exports of Beef and Veal

Calendar Year	Million pounds	Calendar Year	Million pounds
1924	26	1940	17
1925	26	1941	28
1926	25	1942	22
1927	20	1943	41
1928	13	1944	29
1929	17	1945	94
1930	20	1946	425
1931	16	1947	159
1932	13	1948	15
1933	17	1949	20
1934	21	1950	17
1935	13	1951	12
1936	14	1952	15
1937	12	1953	39
1938	14	1954	34
1939	15		

Million Pounds



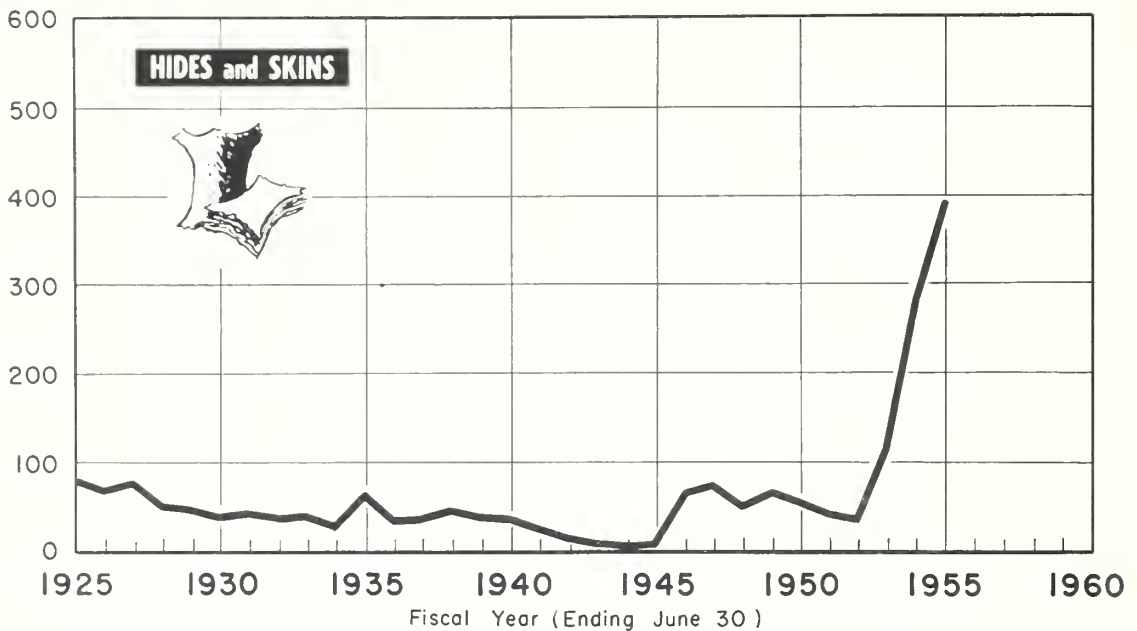
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### U. S. Exports of Variety Meats (edible offal)

Calendar Year	Million pounds	Calendar Year	Million pounds
1934	28	1945	3
1935	17	1946	1
1936	18	1947	9
1937	14	1948	1
1938	19	1949	2
1939	19	1950	3
1940	11	1951	6
1941	8	1952	4
1942	11	1953	29
1943	22	1954	46
1944	68		

Million Pounds



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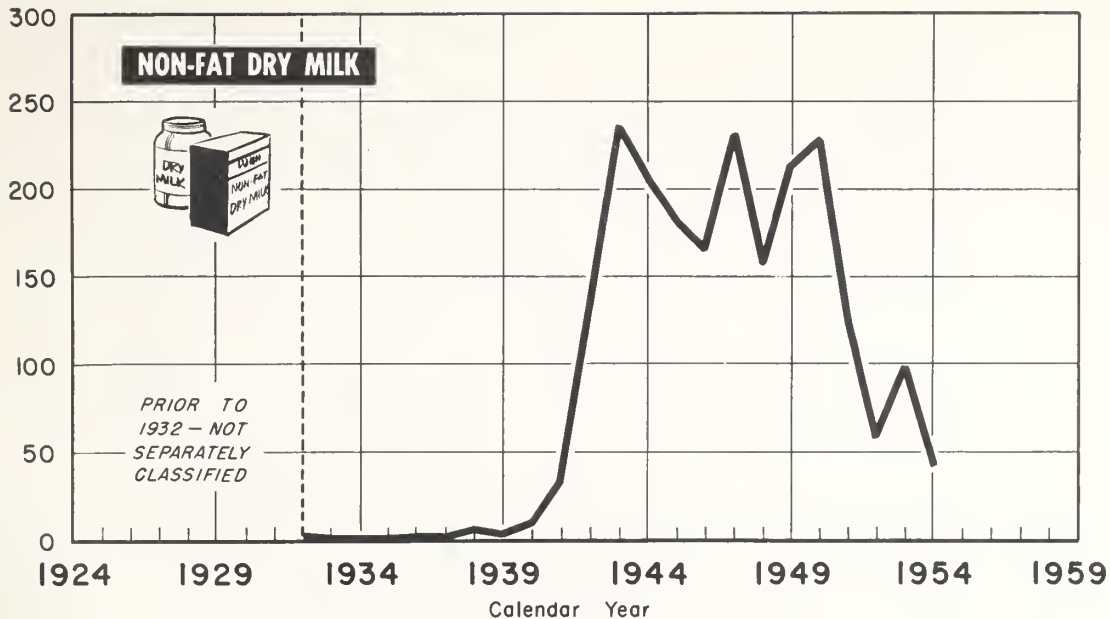
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### U. S. Exports of Hides and Skins

Fiscal year ending June 30	:	Million pounds	Fiscal year ending June 30	:	Million pounds
1925	:	79	1941	:	22
1926	:	69	1942	:	11
1927	:	78	1943	:	3
1928	:	49	1944	:	2
1929	:	44	1945	:	3
1930	:	35	1946	:	64
1931	:	40	1947	:	72*
1932	:	34	1948	:	49
1933	:	37	1949	:	66
1934	:	25	1950	:	53
1935	:	64	1951	:	40
1936	:	32	1952	:	34
1937	:	34	1953	:	118
1938	:	47	1954	:	283
1939	:	36	1955	:	391
1940	:	33		:	

\*From 1947 through 1955 estimated from number of pieces.

Million Pounds



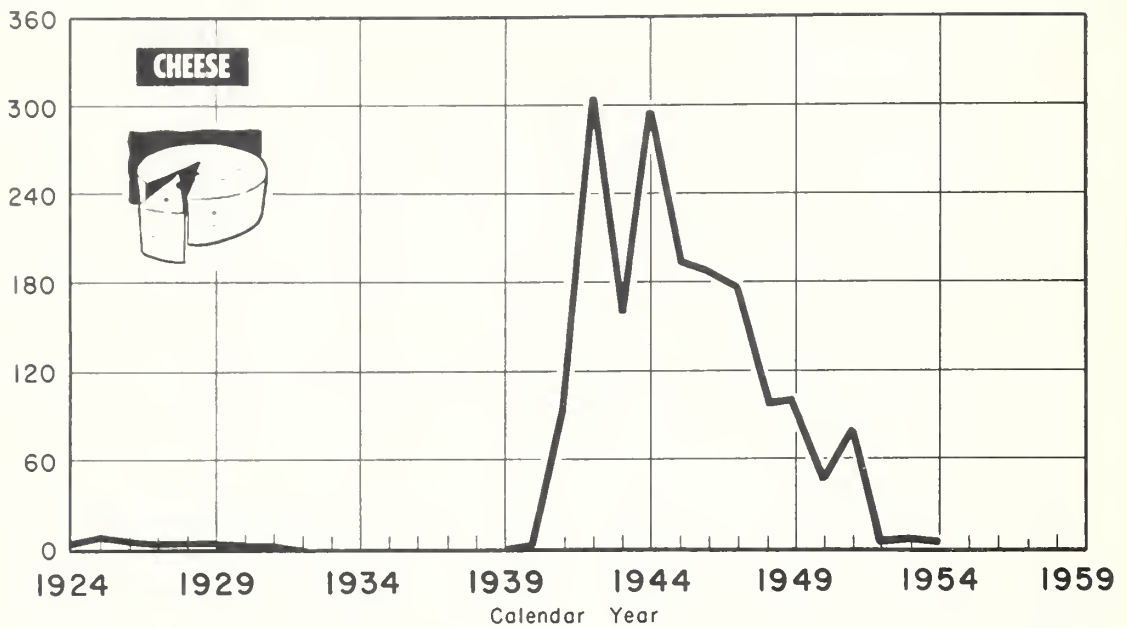
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### U. S. Exports of Nonfat Dry Milk Solids

Calendar Year	Million pounds	Calendar Year	Million pounds
1932	2	1944	207
1933	1	1945	182
1934	1	1946	168
1935	1	1947	283
1936	2	1948	159
1937	2	1949	214
1938	6	1950	229
1939	2	1951	123
1940	9	1952	59
1941	34	1953	98
1942	133	1954	42
1943	237		

Million Pounds



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### U. S. Exports of Cheese

Calendar Year	Million pounds	Calendar Year	Million pounds
1924	4	1940	2
1925	9	1941	91
1926	4	1942	305
1927	3	1943	158
1928	3	1944	297
1929	3	1945	194
1930	2	1946	187
1931	2	1947	177
1932	1	1948	96
1933	1	1949	98
1934	1	1950	47
1935	1	1951	80
1936	1	1952	4
1937	1	1953	6
1938	1	1954	5
1939	1		





